

Torrance, California
April 7, 1942

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, April 7, 1942 at 5:00 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: Kail and Powell.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that a recess be declared to await arrival of Councilmen Kail and Powell. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Kail arrived at 5:03 P.M. and Councilman Powell arrived at 5:09 P.M., at which time the meeting re-convened.

Mayor McGuire announced opening of bids for removal of trackage and overhead facilities on Cabrillo Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Plaza del Amo in the City of Torrance. Clerk Bartlett opened and read bids as follows:

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>BID</u>	<u>ALTERNATE BID</u>
T. J. Kasterson 1705 North Chester Compton, California	\$3,540.00	\$3,300.00
A Certified Check in the amount of \$400.00 accompanied the bid.		
Oilfields Trucking Company Home Address: Bakersfield, California Torrance Address: 23310 Narbonne Avenue	\$3,540.00	\$3,240.00
A Certified Check in the amount of \$354.00 accompanied the bid.		
Consolidated Crane Service 1233 S. Highland Avenue 2629 Nevia Avenue Los Angeles, California	\$3,994.00	\$2,647.50
A Bidders Bond in the amount of \$400.00 accompanied the bid.		

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bids be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney for checking and report at the next regular meeting. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Walteria Civic Organization, requesting that Newton Street from Hawthorne Avenue to Ocean Avenue be graded and that street markers which were removed when improvements were made at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Newton Street be replaced.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Mrs. D. W. Ormand, requesting permission to move a house from 3514 West 134th Street, Los Angeles, to 1910 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance.

Engineer Jain advised that the house was built in 1940 near the Crenshaw School site, but must now be moved to allow erection of the school. He recommended that the request be granted provided the structure of the garage is made to comply with the building regulations of the City of Torrance, the garage as it now exists being built of 2 x 3 studding.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the the request of Mrs. D. W. Ormand for permission to move a house from 3514 West 134th Street, Los Angeles, to 1910 Cabrillo Avenue, Torrance, be granted, provided all requirements of the City Engineer are complied with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Robert T. Russell, requesting permission to move a house into the City of Torrance, to be located on Block 6, Lot 4, being on Date Avenue.

Engineer Jain advised that the house is constructed of 2 x 3 studding, which does not comply with building regulations in the City of Torrance, and will be difficult to remedy due to the fact that it is a plaster house.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Engineer be authorized to investigate this matter thoroughly and report at the next meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, advising that the Waleria library building is in need of certain repairs, and advising that both he and Mr. Butterfield, City Electrician, recommend that the owner of the building be notified to remedy the conditions before the City renews its lease upon the building.

Clerk Bartlett informed the building is rented from month to month, there being no lease upon it.

Mayor McGuire instructed Engineer Jain to ascertain whether or not another building suitable for use as a library is available in Waleria.

A report was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, relative to status of earthquake rehabilitation jobs in the City of Torrance as of April 6, 1942. The report indicated that out of a total of 65 buildings which must be rehabilitated, 60% are completed or work is in progress.

A sealed bid from the U.S. Wrecking was presented at approximately 5:30 P.M. The representative of the company advised that his office had telephoned that the bid would be late. He was advised that the Notice to Bidders specifically set 5:00 P.M. as the hour for opening bids on removal of trackage and overhead facilities on Cabrillo Avenue. Mayor McGuire mentioned that the bids had been opened at 5:10 P.M. due to the absence of two members of the City Council, but that the bids had actually been in at 5:00 P.M. as required.

Councilman Babcock moved that the sealed bid submitted by the U. S. Wrecking for removal of trackage and overhead facilities on Cabrillo Avenue be returned to the bidder unopened. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, requesting the City Council to retain Mr. Cannon or Mr. King, Structural Engineers, for checking plans for reconstruction of earthquake damaged buildings on the few remaining jobs, compensation for Mr. Cannon or Mr. King to be based on an hourly rate.

Councilman Powell moved that the request of Mr. Jain to be allowed to engage Mr. Cannon or Mr. King on an hourly basis for checking plans on earthquake repair jobs be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, remarking that he felt sufficient time had elapsed to allow all plans to be checked.

A brief discussion ensued, during which Mr. Jain advised that Mr. Cannon's rate for this service would be \$3.00 per hour, and that plans would be checked in Mr. Cannon's Los Angeles office.

The motion of Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Babcock, was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Glenn M. Jain, City Engineer, requesting that Mrs. Ellen Blackshere be allowed her remaining one week of her 1941 vacation, starting April 20, 1942. Councilman Babcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Aluminum Company of America, acting for and in behalf of Defense Plant Corporation, requesting permission to install a sanitary sewer within the City limits of the City of Torrance as shown on drawings attached thereto.

Mr. L. A. Schaeffler, Superintendent of Construction, addressed the Council, advising that Aluminum Company of America requires only a statement from the City Council to the effect that said company will be allowed to construct its lines along certain streets within the City of Torrance. ^{sewer}

Mr. Jain advised that a statement to this effect is required before the County Sanitation District grants permission to the company to connect to the main sewer line. He said a statement at this time will be sufficient, an easement to be granted at a later date.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Aluminum Company of America, acting for and in behalf of Defense Plant Corporation, for permission to install a sanitary sewer within the city limits of Torrance as shown on print of drawings No. A-5010-LA and A-5009-LA be granted, all requirements of the Engineering Department to be complied with. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the League of California Cities, relating to the appointment and duties of local property officers which are to be appointed in conjunction with the loans by the Office of Civilian Defense of material, equipment and supplies for the protection of persons and property from war hazards. A form of resolution appointing a local property officer pursuant to regulations No. 1 of the Office of Civilian Defense was enclosed for consideration and possible adoption.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication and suggested resolution be referred to the Defense Council for recommendation, to be presented at the next regular meeting. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1525

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE CANCELLATION OF TAXES ON A PORTION OF BLOCK 50, TORRANCE TRACT.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1525 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the State of California Department of Public Works, Division of Highways, enclosing in triplicate first supplemental memorandum of agreement for expenditure of $\frac{1}{2}$ cent gas tax for Streets of Major Importance within the City of Torrance for the 1942 fiscal year, per project statement submitted by the City Engineer.

A suggested form of resolution was enclosed, title being as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 1526

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AND APPROVING FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXPENDITURE OF $\frac{1}{2}$ CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1526 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from the Richfield Oil Corporation, enclosing check in the amount of \$146.45 for 2% of gross receipts in accordance with the requirements of City of Torrance Franchise Ordinance No. 92 and County of Los Angeles Franchise Ordinance No. 1358 amended by Ordinance No. 1361, for the period January 1 to December 31, 1941, both inclusive. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Pacific Electric Railway Company advising that no plans are contemplated for restoration of rail passenger service on the Los Angeles-Torrance-San Pedro Line, but that the Railroad Commission is now making an extensive survey covering transportation to and from various defense plants in Southern California; that Pacific Electric Railway Company will do everything practicable to comply with recommendations of the Railroad Commission when said recommendations are available.

Mayor McGuire advised that the various industrial plants in the City of Torrance are now in the process of making extensive surveys covering transportation of workers to and from the plants.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full an agreement between the City of Torrance and Gordon Northington in connection with the offer on December 16, 1941 by Mr. Northington of his trailer for use of the Torrance Fire Department for first aid purposes.

Action on this matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

Councilman Hitchcock advised that Mrs. R. R. Smith, Chairman of the Red Cross, had requested several keys to the Civic Auditorium in order that Red Cross materials and supplies stored in the building can be made immediately accessible. He said she wished to keep one key and give others to responsible persons connected with the Torrance Red Cross.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Purchasing Department be authorized to order four keys to the Civic Auditorium, one key to be kept at the Police Station, the remaining three to be given to Mrs. R. R. Smith, Chairman of the Torrance Chapter of the American Red Cross, with instructions to Mrs. Smith to furnish the City Clerk with names of persons to whom the keys are issued, a record of same to be maintained in the City Clerk's office. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$65.22, plus tax, be made for aluminum paint for stock. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$50.22, plus tax, be made for grader blades for the Street Department. Councilman Kail seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$140.00, plus tax, be made for rock for miscellaneous street repair. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$600.00 be made from the $\frac{1}{2}$ cent County Gas Tax funds for

additional road materials for use on Plaza del Amo. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$75.00, plus tax, be made for road materials for use on Border Avenue from Plaza del Amo to the alley. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock inquired regarding the sewer matter in Tract No. 4070. Engineer Jain advised that he is preparing a report pertaining to this matter.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. John E. Jeffery, California Regional Director, State, County and Municipal Workers of America, affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organization, addressed the Council at this time, stating that he appeared on behalf of the employees of the City of Torrance who are affiliated with the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local No. 360. The question of overtime pay for necessary overtime work by municipal employees, he stated, constituted his reason for appearing before the Council at this time. He requested that payment of time and one-half pay for all necessary overtime work beyond the regular work day and beyond the regular work week be allowed municipal employees in conformity with the general practice of paying overtime.

Mr. Jeffery introduced Mr. Claude L. Haskins, Officer of Torrance Labor Coordinating Committee, who addressed the Council, reading in full a resolution adopted by the Labor Coordinating Committee, which resolution was adopted April 6, 1942, and urged the return of time and one-half overtime pay for all City employees. The resolution was filed with the Clerk.

Mr. C. J. Larava, President, Clerical and Technical Workers, Local No. 2586, next addressed the Council, presenting the same resolution read by Mr. Haskins, which resolution was adopted by Local No. 2586 March 25, 1942. The Resolution was filed with the Clerk. Mr. Larava made a few remarks pertinent to the subject, stating that the resolution had been adopted unanimously by Local No. 2586.

Mr. McConlogue, Vice-President of the Steel Workers Local, addressed the Council, advising that his local concurred in the belief that everyone who works for wages should be paid time and one-half for overtime work.

Mayor McGuire requested that a copy of the Resolution read by Mr. Haskins and which was adopted by all the various locals be given to the newspapers.

Mr. Irvin Smith, President, International Derrick, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Local No. 2470, filed a copy of the resolution, which was adopted by Local No. 2470 April 7, 1942.

Mr. John A. Justice, President, United Rubber Workers of America, Local No. 146, filed a copy of the resolution, adopted by Local No. 146 April 4, 1942, advising that the resolution passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeffery announced that the resolution adopted by the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, Local No. 360, had been filed.

The resolution adopted by Milky Williams Lodge, Local No. 1414, Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Thomas S. Wagner, President, was filed.

Another member of the delegation addressed the Council, advising that the persons who presented resolutions represent five of the seven locals in the City of Torrance, representing 2600 union workers. He urged that City employees be paid time and one-half for overtime work in conformity with the prevailing practice in all industries and municipalities.

Councilman Powell stated that he was in favor of the time and one-half payment for necessary overtime work, and said he could see no reason why the City should not pay its workers the same as industries are doing. He stated he was in favor of the resolution as presented.

Councilman Babcock stated he was also in favor of the resolution as presented. He asked whether or not, however, in cases of disaster, the City would be expected to pay workers time and one-half for their services rendered during that time.

Mr. Jeffery stated that the resolution applied only to normal times and conditions, and that there is no question about the attitude of the union and the workers in general in case of disaster, such as attack upon this country by foreign aggressors. He said workers would gladly serve at that time in the same manner as other civilians are expected to do.

Councilman Hitchcock stated that he understood the Civil Service Board, in leaving out the provision in the Rules and Regulations for time and one-half for overtime pay, had worked on the theory that to establish this rate would disrupt the budget, inasmuch as the budget had already been set for the fiscal year before adoption of the Rules and Regulations. He stated that he favored time and one-half pay for workers, but felt it should be brought up when the new budget is adopted, in order that provision for it can be made.

Mr. Jeffery stated that it was felt the principle of payment of overtime will eliminate the evil of overtime. He said he doubted that the amount of overtime to be paid will be great enough to disrupt the budget.

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Attorney be instructed to change the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to provide payment of time and one-half pay for all time worked over forty hours per week, provided time worked over forty hours per week is not for emergency war or disaster work. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, provided the clause "provided time worked over forty hours per week is not for emergency war or disaster work" is deleted from the motion, which Councilman Babcock agreed to.

Mr. Jeffery stated that the motion should be worded to provide payment of time and one-half for time worked over 8 hours per day or for time worked over forty hours per week. Councilman Babcock amended his motion in accordance with Mr. Jeffery's suggestion.

Councilman Powell offered another amendment to the motion, suggesting that a representative of the Torrance Labor Coordinating Committee be invited to attend the meeting of the Civil Service Board and the City Council when the plan for payment of overtime at the rate of time and one-half is drawn up in detail.

The motion as amended read as follows:

Councilman Babcock moved that the City Attorney be instructed to change the Civil Service Rules and Regulations to provide payment of time and one-half pay for all time worked by city


employees over eight hours per day or over forty hours per week, the Torrance Labor Coordinating Committee to be contacted and invited to send a representative to the meeting between the Civil Service Board and the City Council of the City of Torrance when the plan for payment of overtime at the rate of time and one-half is drawn up in detail. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, Kail, Powell and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 6:20 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to Friday, April 10, 1942 at 5:00 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance